XIV. *An Account of a Monſter of the human Species, in two Letters; one from Baron* Reichel *to Sir* Joſeph Banks, *Bart. and the other from Mr.* James Anderſon *to Baron* Reichel. *Communicated by Sir* Joſeph Banks, *Bart. P. R. S.*

Read April 30, 1789.

TO SIR JOSEPH BANKS, BART.

SIR, Fort St. George, Feb. 28, 1788.

I HAVE the pleaſure to tranſmit to you the portrait of a Gentoo boy, an aſtoniſhing living ſubject, who being ſent to me by a friend of mine reſiding in the environs of the native place of the boy, I made two drawings repreſenting the alternate attitudes in which he can place half the body of his little brother, who adheres to his breaſt. See Tab. II. PERUNTALOO is a handſome well-made lad, poſſeſſing every due faculty of mind and body, rather more ſagacious, and with a ſuperior ſhare of underſtanding, than young men in general of his age. In addition to the incloſed anatomical deſcription of the boy by Mr. ANDERSON, you will obſerve in the drawings two circular dotted lines, about the lower part of the loins of the ſemi-monſter. During the ſeveral ſittings I had of PERUNTALOO, I obſerved an internal motion about theſe parts rather more conſpicuous than any other of the body; and upon queſtioning the youth, he ſhewed me, that by retaining his breath, he could force a current of air into them, ſo as to ſwell the parts like two blown-up bladders, with a rumbling noiſe at the time of action. Whether there is a connection with the lungs of PERUNTALOO is

a queſtion I cannot venture to determine; Mr. ANDERSON, however, thinks it well worth my mentioning this obſervation. The erection of the little penis in the ſemi-monſter, and the command PERUNTALOO has of diſcharging the urine through it, are perfectly aſcertained.

Such as this ſubject is, if with any merit, you may depend upon the correctneſs of the drawings.

I am, &c.

T. REICHEL.

To BARON REICHEL.

SIR, Fort St. George, Feb. 25, 1788.

AS you mean to ſend the elegant drawing of PERUNTALOO to Sir JOSEPH BANKS, you may acquaint him from me, that the little brother is ſuſpended by the os pubis; an elongation of the ſword-like cartilage of PERUNTALOO having anaſtomoſed with that bone at the ſymphyſis.

The lower orifice of the ſtomach ſeems to lie in the ſac or cylindrical cavity between the two brothers on the right-ſide, and what may be reckoned the right hypochondre of the little one, as that part is tumid and full after eating.

The alimentary canal muſt be common to both, as the anus of the little one is imperforate.

There is a bladder of urine diſtinctly perceived, which occupies the left ſide of the ſac, or left hypochondre of the monſter.

Beſides which, there remain only the ſacrum, oſſa innominata, and lower extremities perfect.

PERUNTALOO

Fig. 1.

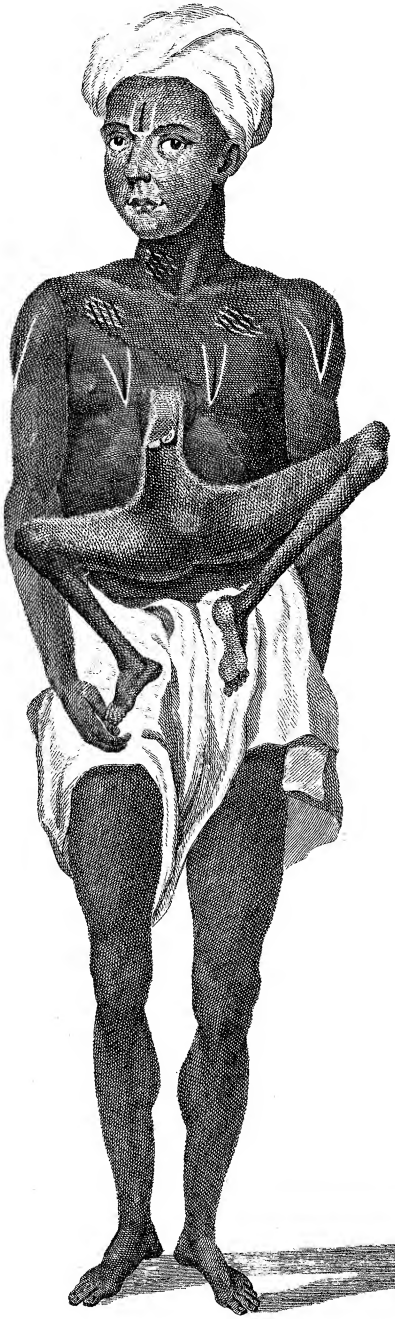

Fig. 2.

Drawn from life at Madras, 28th Oct.r 1787, by T. Reichel.

PERUNTALOO ſays he has as complete a ſenſe of feeling with every part of the body of his little brother as of his own proper body, and this may account for the erections you ſaw, and making water diſtinctly; but this volition does not extend to the legs or feet, which are cold in compariſon with the reſt.

I am, &c.

JAMES ANDERSON.

EXPLANATION OF THE PLATE.

PERUNTALOO, ſon of CHINDRAHPAH-NAYANDOO, of the Gentoo Caſt. He was born at Popelpahdoo, 70 miles weſt from Muſilipatnam. He is 13 years of age, and meaſures 4 feet 6½ inches in height.

Fig. 1. Natural poſition.

Fig. 2. Reverſed poſition.